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1. SUMMARY. FON MIN OFFICIAL CONFIRMED SEPTEMBER 18 TANGOV UNDERSTANDING THAT JOAQUIM CHISSANO TO BE PM IN INTERIM GOVERNMENT IN MOZAMBIQUE. FRELIMO PRESIDENT MACHEL AND VP DOS SANTOS ARE EXPECTED TO SPEND MONTHS AHEAD CONVERTING FRELIMO TO POLITICAL PARTY, BEGINNING WORK FIRST IN TANZANIA AND THEN CARRYING IT ON TO MOZAMBIQUE. ETHNIC AND REGIONAL DIFFERENCES IN FRELIMO HAVE ALMOST COMPLETELY DISAPPEARED. CHISSANO HELD IN HIGH REGARD BY TANGOV BECAUSE OF HIS ORGANIZATIONAL TALENTS AND CONSIDERED, IN FACT, NUMBER TWO IN FRELIMO. END SUMMARY.

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2. ACTING PRIN SEC IN FONMIN PAUL RUPIA CONFIRMED

SEPTEMBER 18 TO DCM TANGOV UNDERSTANDING THAT JOAQUIM CHISSANO IS TO BE PM IN TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT IN MOZAMBIQUE (REFTELS). WHEN FRELIMO PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL RETURNED FROM LUSAKA SEPTEMBER 9 AFTER SIGNING ACCORD OUTLINING TRANSFER OF POWER TO FRELIMO IN MOZAMBIQUE, HE INTENDED TO BECOME PM OF INTERIM GOVERNMENT HIMSELF. AFTER TALKS WITH FRELIMO LEADERS HERE AND ON ADVICE FROM TANGOV OFFICIALS, HOWEVER, MACHEL DECIDED HE AND DOS SANTOS SHOULD DEVOTE NEXT NINE MONTHS TO CONVERTING FRELIMO INTO VIABLE POLITICAL PARTY. WORK WILL INITIALLY BEGIN IN TANZANIA, BUT MACHEL AND DOS SANTOS WILL BOTH EXTEND ORGANIZATIONAL WORK INTO MOZAMBIQUE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER INTERIM GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHED.

3. RUPIA SAID CHISSANO IS KNOWN AMONG TANGOV OFFICIALS AS LEVEL HEADED, AND BRILLIANT ADMINISTRATOR. FOR EXAMPLE, CHISSANO FOR NUMBER OF YEARS HAS BEEN IN CHARGE OF COORDINATING MILITARY AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO FRELIMO. THIS HAS REQUIRED HE DEAL WITH MINISTRIES OF DEFENSE, FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND HOME AFFAIRS AS WELL AS FOREIGN DONORS. HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR TRAINING CAMPS, SANCTUARIES AND MEDICAL AID STATIONS IN TANZANIA AND MOZAMBIQUE. IN ALL THESE DIVERSE ACTIVITIES HE DEMONSTRATED HIS COOLNESS AND COMPETENCE. NO ONE HAS MORE INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE AS TO HOW FRELIMO OPERATES THAN CHISSANO. AS RESULT HE IS MUCH MORE NUMBER TWO TO MACHEL THAN DOS SANTOS.

4. CONCEPT OF "TRIUMVIRATE" LEADERSHIP STILL HAS SOME RESIDUAL MEANING IN FRELIMO, RUPIA SAID, BUT IT SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN UNDUE WEIGHT. PAUL GUMANE, REVEREND URIA SIMANGO AND DOS SANTOS HEADED ORIGINAL THREE PARTIES SEEKING INDEPENDENCE IN MOZAMBIQUE. THEY DECIDED THEY MUST UNIFY IF THEY WERE TO SUCCEED, BUT EACH WANTED TO HEAD ANY LIBERATION FRONT RESULTING FROM MERGE OF THREE PARTIES. WHEN UNABLE TO AGREE

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AMONG THEMSELVES, THEY DECIDED TO ASK EDUARDO MONDLANE TO GIVE UP HIS SUCCESSFUL ACADEMIC CAREER IN US, COME TO DAR ES SALAAM, AND HEAD COMBINED MOZAMBIQUE LIBERATION MOVEMENT (FRELIMO). DOS SANTOS AT THAT TIME WAS ASSIGNED TO HANDLE FRELIMO DEALINGS WITH FOREIGN NATIONS. GUMANE AND SIMANGO SUBSEQUENTLY LEFT FRELIMO AS RESULT INTERNAL DISAGREEMENTS. MACHEL REPLACED MONDLANE

WHEN LATTER ASSASSINATED, IN LARGE PART BECAUSE
MACHEL WAS LEADER OF FIGHTING FORCES. LATER
MACHEL WAS CONFIRMED AS FRELIMO PRESIDENT AND
DOS SANTOS AS VICE PRESIDENT. CHISSANO IS
PROTEGE OF MACHEL AND BECAME INDISPENSABLE TO
FRELIMO BECAUSE OF HIS TALENTS FOR ORGANIZATION
AND HIS ABILITY TO PROVIDE LOGISTIC SUPPORT TO
GUERRILLAS IN FIELD. THUS TRIUMVIRATE IS STILL
IDENTIFIABLE IN FRELIMO THOUGH ITS ORIGINS
BASED ON REGION AND TRIBE HAVE BEEN BLURRED IF
NOT ELIMINATED COMPLETELY.

5. CHISSANO IS ABOUT THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OLD,
MARRIED TO AN AFRICAN WOMAN AND HAS SEVERAL
CHILDREN. HE SPEAKS ENGLISH AND PORTUGUESE.
RUPIA SAID THAT DESPITE WORKING WITH CHISSANO
FOR YEARS HE DOES NOT KNOW WHERE HE ATTENDED
SCHOOL OR FOR HOW LONG.
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